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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS BG

SUBJ: BANGLADESH DESIRE FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE

1. DEPARTING BANGLADESH AMBASSADOR KHWAJA MOHAMMED KAISER, WHO LEAVES NEXT WEEK TO BECOME BANGLADESH'S REPRESENTATIVE AT UN, TELLS ME THAT HE FEELS DACCA IS DESPERATELY IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE TO STRENGTHEN ITS MILITARY IN THE FACE OF THE INDIAN THREAT AND HAS NOWHERE TO TURN BUT THE UNITED STATES. KAISER SAID HE PRESUMED THERE HAD BEEN AN APPROACH TO THE U.S. EMBASSY IN DACCA, AND HE THOUGHT THE MATTER HAD ALSO BEEN DISCUSSED WITH SENATOR MCGOVERN, WITH NON-COMMITTAL RESULTS.

2. KAISER SAID SOVIET ATTEMPTS TO EXPAND ITS INFLUENCE IN SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST ASIA IN WAKE OF INDOCHINA COLLAPSE HAD SERVED TO INTENSIFY THE INDIAN THREAT, WHOSE IMMEDIACY HAD BEEN MADE INCREASINGLY APPARENT BY INDIAN ACTIONS SINCE LAST NOVEMBER. WHILE BANGLADESH HAD NO HOPE OF MATCHING INDIAN MILITARY POWER, BANGLADESH MIGHT REALISTICALLY SEEK TO DEVELOP A CAPABILITY TO  
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RESIST LONG ENOUGH FOR EXTERNAL RESTRAINING INFLUENCES TO TAKE EFFECT AGAINST INDIA. MOST URGENT REQUIREMENTS WERE FOR AID TO

STRENGTHEN BANGLADESH'S OBSOLESCE AIRFORCE, ITS ANTIAIRCRAFT,  
AND ITS DEFENSES AGAINST RIVER CROSSINGS.

3. I SAID I COULD NOT PRESUME TO SPEAK FOR OUR EMBASSY IN DACCA OR  
THE USG IN THIS MATTER. KAISER SAID HE REALIZED THAT THE MOOD OF  
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND CONGRESS WAS STRONGLY AGAINST THE INITIATION  
OF ANY MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AT THIS TIME. FYI: I DID NOT  
REPEAT NOT TELL KAISER I WOULD REPORT HIS APPROACH, BUT HE PROBABLY  
ASSUMED THAT I WOULD DO SO.  
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